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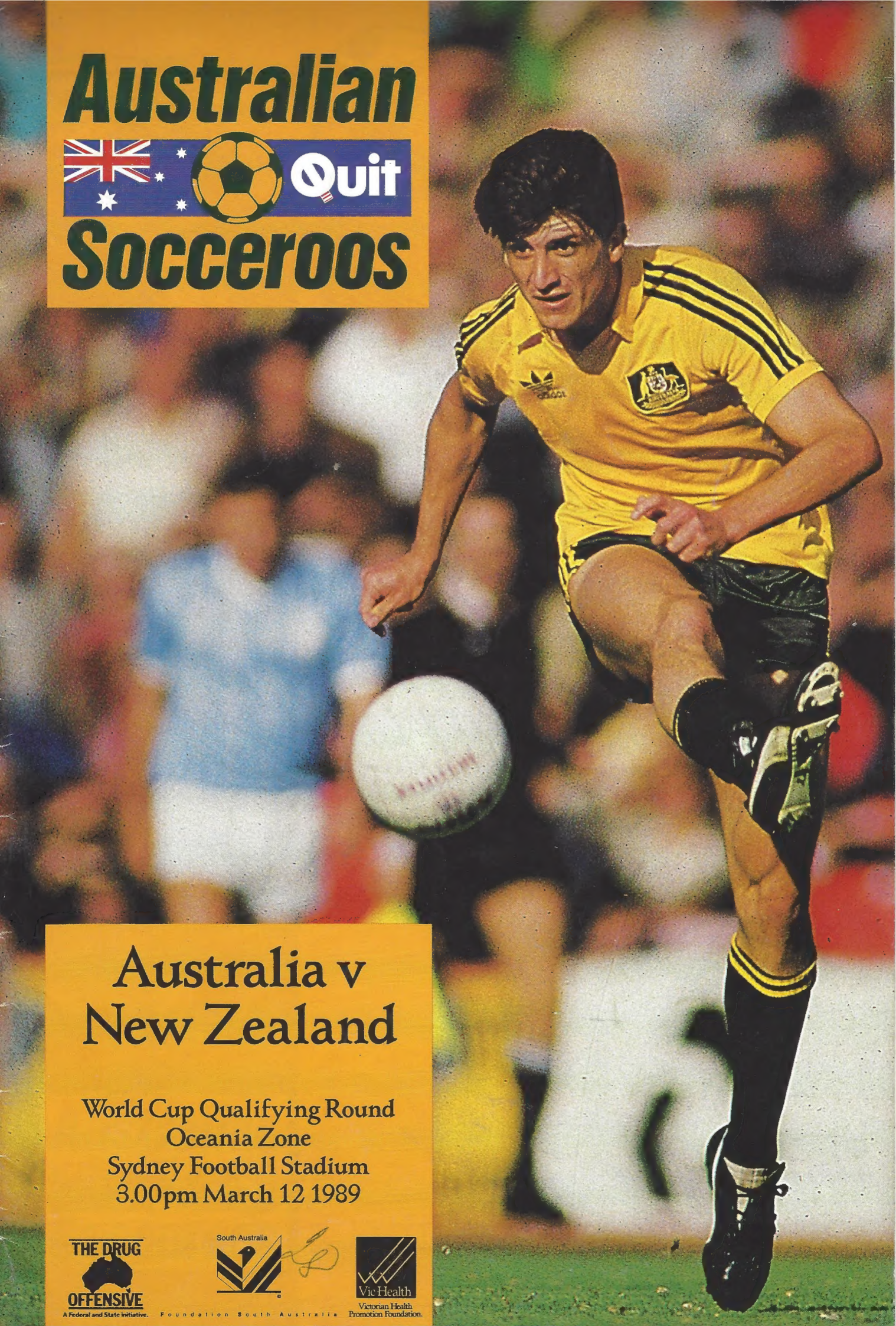

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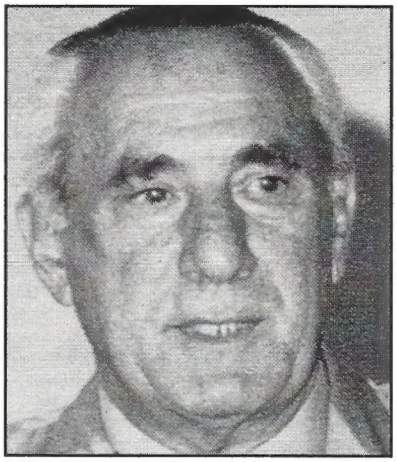

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Australian Soccer Federation to welcome to Australia the National Team of New Zealand.

The close ties between our Nations have introduced a spirit of co-operation but in a competitive arena each will give of its very best for their respective country.

There is no doubt that today's World Cup Qualifying Match will typify the competitiveness that surfaces when the two Countries meet.

I welcome Warwick Gendall, Chairman of the New Zealand Football Association and their officials and players, in addition to extending a very warm welcome to our Referee and Linesmen from Japan.

Attending on behalf of F.I.F.A. is Peter Velappan, General Secretary, Asian Football Confederation. To Peter we also extend a very warm welcome.

The importance of today's fixture for both Nations cannot be over emphasised and I am sure the many supporters attending today's game will witness a match worthy of a World Cup Qualifying Programme.

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AUSTRALIA'S PREVIOUS WORLD CUP SORTIES

1966

Australia wasn't properly geared or prepared for the 1965 World Cup elimination matches. The few weeks spent in Northern Queensland proved to be woefully inadequate against the well drilled North Koreans.

The team which travelled to Cambodia, a neutral venue, was led by managers Jim Bayutti and Ian Brusasco and coach Tiko Jelisavcic.

The first match, in front of 60,000 spectators and in sweltering heat, was a knock-out affair. The nippy North Koreans won 6-1 "as they pleased" and left an Australian team in ruins comparable only to the nearby Angkor Vat. The score at half-time was only 1-0 and the rout came later when the Australian defence found it impossible to withstand the almost constant pressure.

For the return match a few days later, a reshaped Australia lined up without illusions but with determination. Although again outplayed and outgunned by the Koreans, the Aussies managed to stand their ground fairly well, going down only 1-3.

The following year, the North Koreans proved their class when in the World Cup finals they held Chile to a draw and then beat Italy 1-0 to reach the quarterfinals where they lost only after a memorable match to Portugal 3-5, having led 3-0 early in the game.

1970

The 1969 World Cup series proved to be a marathon: first Australia had to win a sub-group tournament in Seoul, against South Korea and Japan. This they managed, with two wins and two draws under their belt. Managers John Barclay and Les Bordacs and coach Joe Vlasits as well as the 22 players under their care, came through the "Seoul hell" with flying colours.

A long excursion to Lourenco Marques in Mozambique followed, to meet Rhodesia and it took the Australians three matches to get past this hurdle. The first two games ended in 1-1 and 0-0 draws and it was only on the third attempt that the Australians showed their true ability, winning with ease 3-1.

Tel Aviv was the next stop on this globetrotting trip — and a tired Australia, a mere 36 hours after their arrival, fought in vain to keep out the eager Israelis. An own goal was enough to sink Australia to the tune of 1-0, with our only hope lying in the return match in Sydney a week later.

In this game, however, an exhausted and hastily assembled Australian team failed to produce the expected goods. Israel played with superb composure and actually led 1-0 until the end when John Watkiss made it 1-1. And that, sadly, meant the elimination of Australia from the series.

Israel, like the North Koreans four years earlier, proved to be worthy representatives of our group in the Mexico finals, forcing a draw with both Sweden and with Italy — the eventual runners-up in the tournament.

1974

A lot of near-misses preceded in the 1973 elimination series that fabulous Jim Mackay goal in Hong Kong which finally set the seal on Australia's qualification for the 1974 finals.

Manager John Barclay and coach Rale Rasic were both clearly disappointed with the team's performance in the Sydney tourney where Australia came out on top, against Indonesia, New Zealand and Iraq, after some mediocre performances.

The two-leg affair with Iran was another close shave. In Sydney Australia played well and won 3-0 — but in the return match, in Tehran, Iran were up 2-0 after 31 minutes and disaster looked imminent. However, the Aussies weathered the storm and held the result to qualify for the zone final on a narrow 3-2 aggregate.

South Korea were the last hurdle and it proved to be a handful. In the first match, in Sydney, a disappointing Australia was outplayed and only some fabulous luck saved them from

certain defeat against the Koreans who missed several absolute sitters. In the return match, in Seoul, Korea established a lead of 2-0 before the Aussies rallied and forced a 2-2 draw and play-off in neutral Hong Kong.

And it was only in this last match that Australia played like worthy champions of the Asian region, proving to the other leading contestants like North Korea, Israel, Japan, Iran and South Korea, that their qualification was ultimately well earned. Dictating terms from the very start, the Australians only scored in the second half, with that glorious Mackay volley. However, a three-goal win would have been well deserved — and would have been achieved had the team possessed just an ounce of luck with finishing.

1978

Under the direction of new coach Jim Shoulder Australia won the Oceania series in fine style against New Zealand and Taiwan.

Then it was into the Asian Zone along with Hong Kong, South Korea, Kuwait and Iran.

Two home defeats at the hands of Kuwait and Iran really sealed the Socceroos' fate.

These were followed by away defeats by the same two nations with Iran eventually winning through to the finals in Argentina.

1982

A disaster series for Australia who, under the direction of Rudi Gutendorf, were eliminated in the Oceania round.

After gaining a 3-3 draw in Auckland against New Zealand, the Socceroos lost 0-2 to the 'auld enemy' at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Coach Gutendorf resigned immediately after this match.

New Zealand went on to qualify for the finals in Spain.

1986

It was a case of "so near yet so far" for coach Frank Arok and his Socceroos.

After winning the Oceania group in convincing style they then had to meet Scotland in the final qualifying round.

The Socceroos went down 0-2 before a capacity crowd at Hampden Park in Glasgow after a great fighting display.

Although held to a scoreless draw in the return game in Melbourne, it was a "moral victory" for the Socceroos.

Indeed it was only the brilliant form of Scottish goalkeeper Jim Leighton that saved the Scots from defeat.

This game was Australia's finest hour in their World Cup history and they produced a brand of football that made the world sit up and take note.

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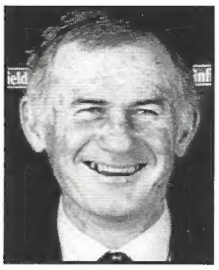
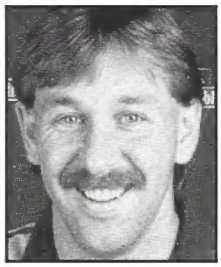
AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS



FRANK AROK
Coach

JEFF OLVER

Goalkeeper. Age 28 (born 25 December 1960). Club: Melbourne Croatia. Socceroo debut v Glasgow Rangers 1984. 51 appearances for Australia (32 full internationals). Now firmly established as first choice keeper after going through the 1986 World Cup qualifying campaign as understudy to Terry Greedy. Was the subject of the highest transfer ($26,000) for a goalkeeper between Australian clubs when he joined Melbourne Croatia this season after nine years at Heidelberg.

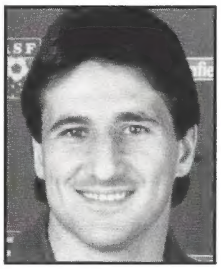


PAUL TRIMBOLI

Midfielder. Age 19 (born 25 February 1969). Club: South Melbourne. Played with Brighton since under 7's (between 1976 and 1985) then spent a year at the Institute of Sport before joining George Cross. At Brighton he played for the seniors in Division 4 of the Victorian League. He is a student, in his second year of an accounting diploma course.

ALAN DAVIDSON

Defender. Age 28 (born 1 June 1960). Club: Melbourne Croatia. Socceroo debut v Czechoslovakia 1980. Three goals in 68 appearances for Australia (45 full internationals). A regular of two World Cup campaigns who has declared he will retire from international soccer after the Seoul Olympics. Started out at club level with Altona City, then joined South Melbourne after playing in the 1979 World Youth Championship qualifiers in Paraguay. Moved to Nottingham Forest in England for $30,000 at the end of six years with the club. Returned to the club in 1986 and reclaimed his Socceroo spot the same year after recovering from a back injury.

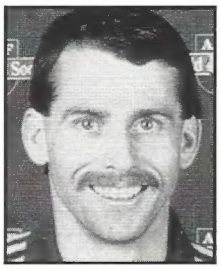


CHARLIE YANKOS

Sweeper. Age 27 (born 29 May 1961). Club: PAOK (Greece). Socceroo debut v England 1983. Has scored 7 goals in 77 appearances for Australia (42 full internationals). Took over as Australian Captain from John Kosmina in 1986. Combines resolute defending with superb ability to read the game. Started his club career with Heidelberg, moved to West Adelaide then to Apia before joining PAOK in Greece early this season. Undoubtedly, Australia's master at taking penalties.

GRAHAM JENNINGS

Fullback. Age 29 (born 18 January 1960). Club: Sydney Croatia. Socceroo debut v England 1983. 81 appearances for Australia (43 full internationals). A positional switch from winger to leftback by Tommy Docherty at his former club, Sydney Olympic, led to a dramatic improvement in form and a subsequent call-up to the Socceroos. An automatic fixture in the side for six years, Jennings has also played for Australia at youth international level.

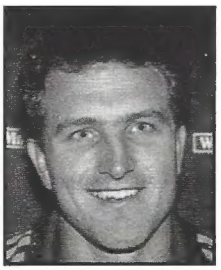


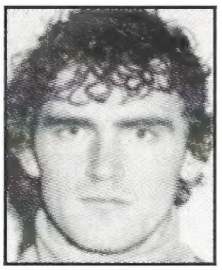
MIKE GIBSON

Goalkeeper. Age 25 (born 1 March 1963). Club: St. George. Socceroo debut v China XI 1985. 4 appearances for Australia (3 full internationals). The understudy of Olver who was finally given his chance in a full international in the recent Olympic Games qualifiers against Chinese Taipei. National coach Frank Arok signed him for his club side St. George from Penrith City in 1986.

ANDREW KOCZKA

Sweeper. Age 23 (born 9 September 1965). Club: St. George. Socceroo debut v Indonesia 1984. 3 appearances for Australia at full internationals. Starred for Australia during the Merlion Cup in Singapore in 1984 and has played against Holland and more recently against Chinese Taipei during the Olympic qualifiers. Has played for St. George for 9 years making his debut in the first team in 1983. Took over as club captain the following year from Socceroo David Ratcliffe. Is truly one of Australia's future stars.





ALEX TOBIN

Defender. Age 23 (born 5 April 1966). Club: Adelaide City. Socceroo debut v Gothenburg 1988. One goal in 4 appearances for Australia (3 full internationals). Leftback who was added to the squad at the start of last season and who scored in his first full international against Chinese Taipei in the Olympic qualifiers in March. Broke into senior soccer with Birkalla in South Australian State League then moved to the NSL with Adelaide City in 1984. Won an NSL championship with Adelaide City in 1986.

SCOTT OLLERENSHAW

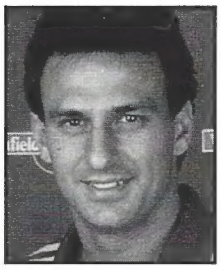
Forward. Age 21 (born 9 February 1968). Club: St. George. Socceroo debut v Chinese Taipei 1987. One goal in 12 appearances for Australia (10 full internationals). Scored his only goal in the recent Gold Cup tournament against Saudi Arabia. The youngest member of the Australian squad and another player who plays under Arok at both club and national team level. Graduated into St George's senior team as an 18-year-old and has been a regular for the NSL for 3 years. First called up into the Socceroos for the elimination matches of the Olympics last year then came on as substitute twice in the March qualifiers.

MIKE PETERSEN

Midfielder. Age 23 (born 6 May 1965). Club: South Melbourne. Socceroo debut v Udinese 1985. Two goals in 22 appearances for Australia (10 full internationals).. Skilful central midfielder who earned a recall into the Socceroo squad after spending a year with Ajax in Holland. Scored in his first game for Australia after coming on as a substitute against Udinese in Adelaide. Won a championship NSL medal with Juventus in 1985 in his first season of National League.

GARY VAN EGMOND

Defender. Age 24 (born 29 June 1965). Club: Melbourne City. Qualified for the first time to the Socceroo squad in the Bicentennial Gold Cup tournament rightly deserving the call-up following an inspirational season at club level, 7 appearances for Australia. Travelled to Holland in 1984 where he played with first division club RKC for eight months and was offered a trial with Ajax, turned it down in preference to returning home. Has enough potential to claim a regular national team position.

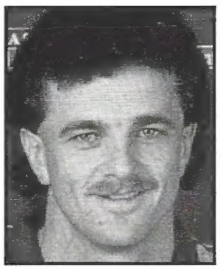


WALLY SAVOR

Defencer. Age 29 (born June 1959). Club: Sydney Croatia. Through a tragic injury missed playing in the Olympic Games in Seoul, after being a key player in the qualifying games. Now back to his brilliant best. He is a player who is steady and reliable at all times and can be counted on to turn in a consistent performance in every appearance.

GRAHAM ARNOLD

Forward. Age 25 (born 3 August 1963). Club: Sydney Croatia. Socceroo debut v Red Star in 1985. 20 goals in 47 appearances for Australia (31 full internationals). Highly rated striker who was sought by Dutch club Roda in the pre-season. Has scored over 50 goals in five seasons of NSL soccer with the one club. Was an understudy in the last World Cup campaign but since his promotion has kept up an average of one goal in every two games for the national team.

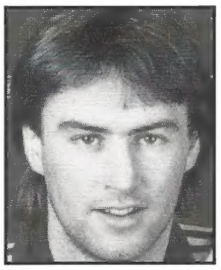


STEVE CALDERAN

Defender. Age 25 (born April 1963). Club: Marconi. First time in the National squad. A no-nonsense defender who was the backbone of his club's championship win last season. Works as a builder and is a player who has a bright future in front of him.

PAUL WADE

Midfielder. Age 27 (born 20 March 1962). Club: South Melbourne. Socceroo debut v China XI 1985. Two goals in 38 appearances for Australia (28 full internationals). Non-stop runner who has proved an excellent foil for Oscar Crino and Mike Petersen in midfield. Came to Australia as a teenager from England, playing junior soccer with Dandenong, then State League with Prahran Slavia and Croydon before moving up to National League with Green Gully. Won a NSL championship with Brunswick Juventus before joining South Melbourne in 1987.



JASON POLAK

Midfielder. Age 21 (born January 1968). Club: Sydney Olympic. A highly regarded youngster with an educated style of play. Another Young Socceroo product, who starred in the Youth Cup finals in Chile in 1987. Seems destined to make his mark in Australian Soccer both at club and international level.

WARREN SPINK

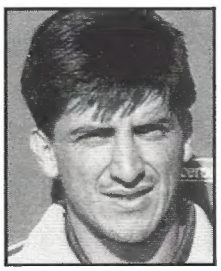
Forward. Age 22 (born 4 October 1966). Club: Preston. A former youth International making his debut for the Socceroos. Strong, aggressive forward who has earned his selection after strong performances for Footscray in the West End National Soccer League. With the absence of Frank Farina he has the opportunity to establish himself in the Winfield Socceroo squad.

ROBBIE SLATER

Forward. Age 23 (born November 1964). Club: Sydney Croatia. Winfield Socceroo debut v Brazil in the Bicentennial Gold Cup tournament last July. Three appearances for Australia at full international. Also played against Saudi Arabia in the Gold Cup. Has made four appearances for Australia B team against Glasgow Rangers, Nottingham Forest and Iraklis. Broke into the NSL with St George at the age of 17 where he stayed for four years before transferring to Sydney Croatia in 1987.

OSCAR CRINO

Midfielder. Age 26 (born 9 August 1962). Club: Melbourne City. Socceroo debut v Indonesia 1981. 10 goals in 61 appearances for Australia (33 full internationals). Considered the most skilful player in Australian soccer. Came to Australia as a 10-year-old from Argentina. Broke into senior soccer at 16 with Juventus. Played for Australia in the 1981 World Youth Championship. Had a short stint in Hong Kong before returning to sign for South Melbourne and helped them win the 1984 NSL championship. Transferred to Cyprus club Anorthosis for $35,000 but returned six months later to join Footscray. Played a big part in 1986 World Cup campaign and is invaluable in the Socceroo line-up often taking the role of a playmaker.



FRANK AROK — ON THE ROAD TO ITALY 1990!

SOCCEROO Coach Frank Arok is a man with a mission — to get Australia to next year's World Cup finals in Italy and the greatest football show on Earth.

Since being eliminated by Scotland in the last step to the 1986 finals, maestro Arok has planned methodically for this campaign that kicks off today against New Zealand.

The first part of his plan and his preparation was to qualify and play in last year's Seoul Olympics.

This was mission accomplished — as the history books clearly show.

Now for the second phase — to win the Oceania-Israel qualifying section.

Not an easy task, but one well within the capabilities of our team.

"I am confident that we can obtain the six points I think will be suffficient from the four games to win the section,"

Frank disclosed earlier this week after watching Israel down New Zealand 1-0 in Tel Aviv.

"In stating this I'm not being over-confident. I'm being a realist.

"This wholehearted Cup campaign is a war of nerves and I'd back my boys on this score every time against New Zealand and Israel.

"Our preparation has been good and the boys know what is expected from them and I'm confident they can deliver the goods.

"I'm also happy to be playing our home games against New Zealand today and against Israel on Sunday, April 16, here at the magnificent Sydney Football Stadium.

"Believe me, the boys haven't forgotten what they did to world champions Argentina here in the Bicentennial Cup.

"This will be a great inspiration to us.

"We go into this series with the knowledge that we have the complete support of all Australia behind us.

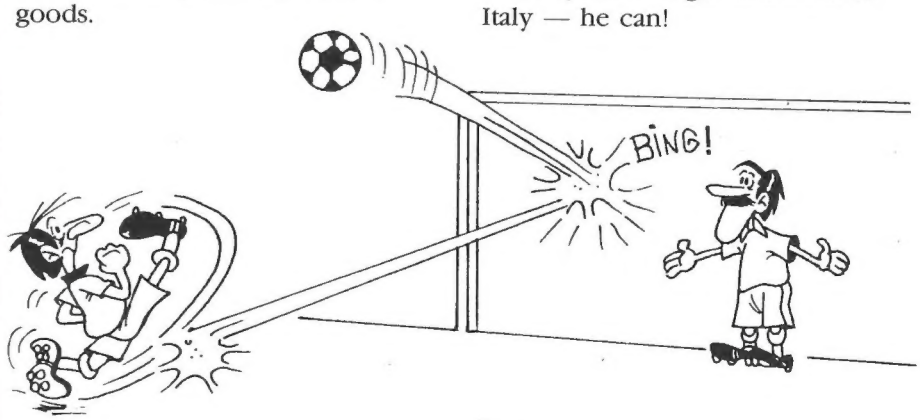
"We are determined not to let our fans down.

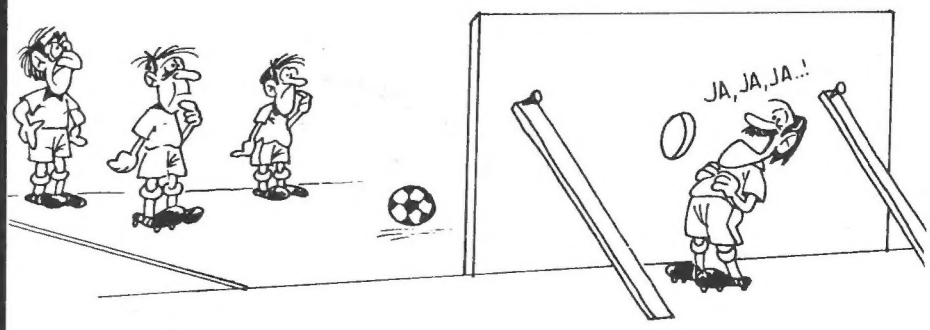
"Everyone who wears the green and gold of Australia in this World Cup series will give his lot for his country.

"We can ask no more."

Since he took over coaching of the Socceroos in 1983 Frank Arok has proved to be a marvellous asset to Australian sport.

If anyone can get our team to Italy — he can!





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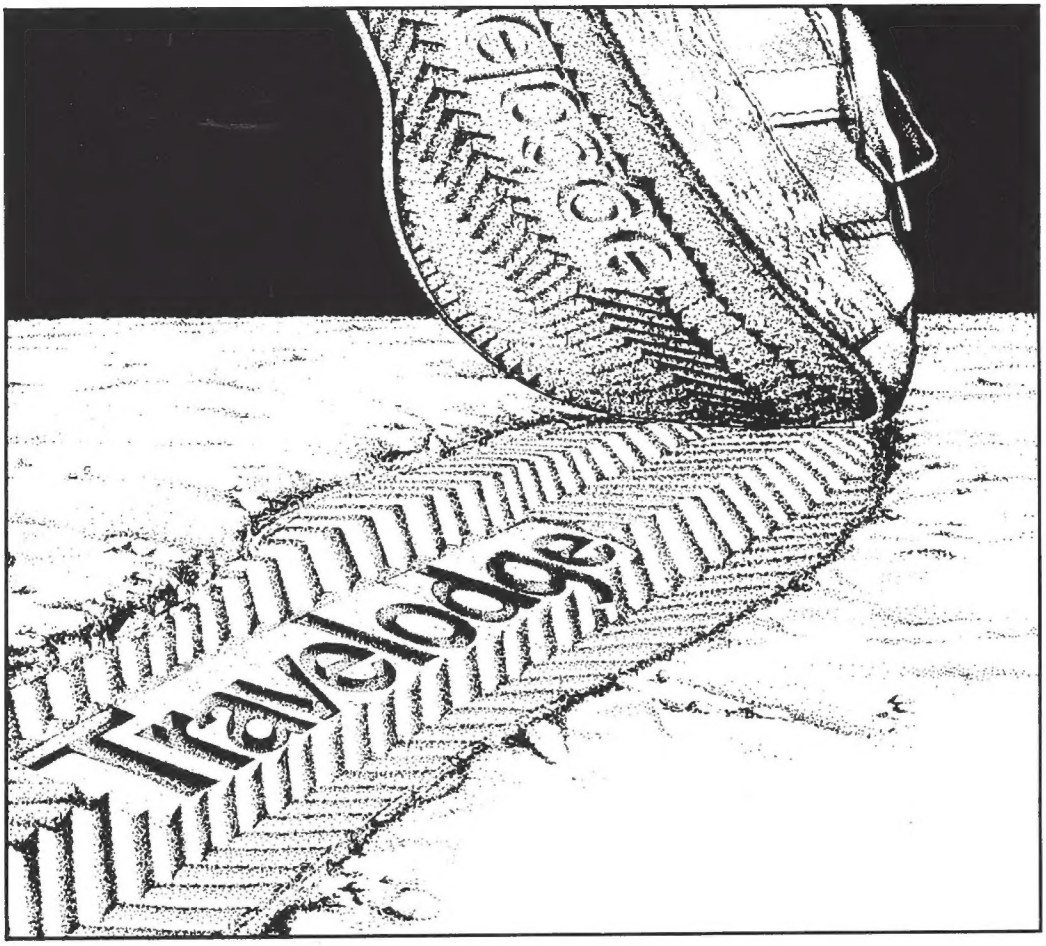

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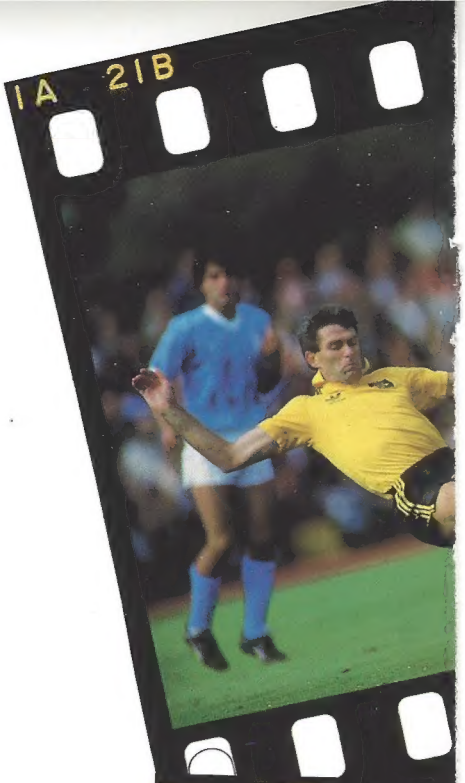

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2 WALLY SAVOR *(Sydney Croatia)*
3 ALAN DAVIDSON *(Melbourne Croatia)*
4 CHARLIE YANKOS *(PAOK Salonika)*
5 STEVE CALDERAN *(Marconi)*
6 PAUL WADE *(South Melbourne)*
7 WARREN SPINK *(Preston)*
8 MIKE PETERSEN *(South Melbourne)*
9 GRAHAM ARNOLD *(Sydney Croatia)*
10 OSCAR CRINO *(Melbourne City)*
11 SCOTT OLLERENSHAW *(St. George)*
12 ANDY KOCZKA *(St. George)*
13 GRAHAM JENNINGS *(Sydney Croatia)*
14 GARY VAN EGMOND *(Melb. City)*
15 ROBBIE SLATER *(Sydney Croatia)*
16 PAUL TRIMBOLI *(South Melbourne)*
17 ALEX TOBIN *(Adelaide City)*
22 MIKE GIBSON *(St. George)*

NEW ZEALAND

1 CLINT GOSLING *(Sydney Olympic)*
2 MICHAEL RIDENTON *(Mt. Wellington)*
3 MALCOLM DUNFORD *(Wellington Utd)*
4 GARRY LUND *(Christchurch Utd)*
5 RICKI HERBERT *(Mt. Wellington)*
6 MARTIN JENNISON *(Mt. Wellington)*
7 TONY LEVY *(Mt. Wellington)*
8 NIGEL DEBENHAM *(Mt. Wellington)*
9 DARREN McCLENNAN *(Mt. Wellington)*
10 NOEL BARCLAY *(Mt. Wellington)*
11 DANNY HALLIGAN *(Christchurch Utd)*
12 RODGER GRAY *(Mt. Wellington)*
13 CHRIS RILEY *(Miramar)*
15 DAVE WITTEVEEN *(Mt. Wellington)*
17 CERI EVANS *(Oxford, England)*
18 TOMMY MASON *(Farnborough, England)*
20 TONY FERRIS *(Mt. Manganui)*
21 FRANK VAN HATTUM *(Manurewa)*
22 PETER KUIPER *(Mt. Wellington)*

REFEREE : S. TAKADA *(Japan)*

LINESMEN : M. SOGAWA *(Japan)*
Y. NAGAOKA *(Japan)*

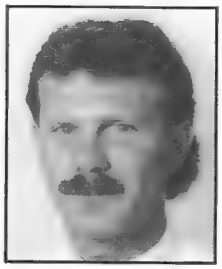
NEW ZEALAND SQUAD

JOHN ADSHEAD
Manager

DAVE TAYLOR
Coach

CLINT GOSLING

(Sydney Olympic) Goalkeeper. N.Z. born, aged 27 years. Full international debut v Selangor (Malaysia) 1978. Played for Mt. Wellington in N.Z. before moving to Australia and playing for Newcastle and Melita Eagles prior to current club. Member of N.Z. World Cup squad in 1985 and has since become regular number one choice. Rated Best Goalkeeper in Australian National League last season.



RICKI HERBERT

(Mt. Wellington) Defender. N.Z. born, aged 28 years. Former Regional Youth Representative and Youth International. The longest serving All White, making his senior debut v Mexico in 1980. Has played all his senior N.Z. football with Mt. Wellington except for one season with University in 1984 and had spells with Wolverhampton Wanderers in England and in Australia with Sydney Olympic during Tommy Docherty's reign.

MICHAEL RIDENTON

(Mt. Wellington) Midfield/Utility. N.Z. born, aged 21 years. Former Youth International and made full international debut v China Taipei 1988. Has become an excellent player and regular first team choice in National League since joining Mt. Wellington in early 1987.

MARTIN JENNISON

(Mt. Wellington) Defender/Utility. Born England, aged 30 years. Became N.Z. resident when aged 15 years after playing schoolboy soccer in England and Germany. Has played National League Football since 1977 when he joined North Shore United. Joined Mt. Wellington in 1985 and has been a first team choice ever since. Auckland Representative player with full international debut in 1986 but not selected again until 1988 against China Taipei.

MALCOLM DUNFORD

(Wellington United) Defender. N.Z. born, aged 25 years. Former Youth International touring to Fiji, Argentina and with senior squad to Malaysia. Made full international debut in Fiji in 1984 and has become a regular choice ever since with the exception of being injured during the 1987 Olympic campaign. Has played in National League since 1979 joining his present club in 1982.

TONY LEVY

(Mt. Wellington) Midfielder/Winger. Born England, aged 29 years. Became N.Z. resident early in 1980's after playing for Plymouth Argyle, Torquay United and Yeovil Town in England. Also spent some time in Sweden with Halmstadd. National League footballer since 1985 with Papatoetoe and played for North Shore United in 1988 season before joining Mt. Wellington for 1989. Auckland Representative.

GARRY LUND

(Christchurch United) Defender. N.Z. born, aged 22 years. Former Youth Regional Representative for Canterbury and Southland and N.Z. Secondary Schools Rep in 1984. Showed good form in Melbourne v Saudi Arabia last year and an important player in winning National League titles with his club in 1987 and 1988.

NIGEL DEBENHAM

(Mt. Wellington) Midfielder. Born England, aged 29 years. Became N.Z. resident in early 1970's playing for Dunedin City and becoming a Youth International. Made full international debut in 1978 v West German XI at President's Cup tournament in Korea. Played for Edgeworth in Australia 1981 before returning to N.Z. and Mt. Wellington in 1982. Auckland Rep v Queens Park Rangers in 1983 but badly injured in 1985 spending a year out of football. 1988 returned to Auckland and N.Z. Rep teams.

Darren McClennan

(Mt. Wellington) Striker/Midfielder. Born N.Z., aged 22 years. Former Youth International and made his full international debut in 1986 v Australia. Played for Waitemata City following school football before moving to Howick in Regional League and then National League with North Shore United. Returns to National League football with Mt. Wellington in 1989 after almost two years overseas travel.

Wynton Rufer

(Grasshoppers, Switzerland) Striker. Born N.Z., aged 26 years. Former Youth International, played for Miramar and Wellington United before pursuing his football career overseas in Switzerland with F.C. Zurich, F.C. Aarau and Grasshoppers. Scored on his international debut v Kuwait in Kuwait as a 19-year-old and twice in next match v Saudi Arabia in Riyadh. Scored winning goal v China (2-1) in Singapore which qualified N.Z. for World Cup finals in Spain 1982. Scored 21 goals for Aarau last season and named Swiss Footballer of Year.

Noel Barkley

(Mt. Wellington) Striker/Midfielder. Born Northern Ireland, aged 28 years. Became N.Z. resident in early 1980's after becoming Irish Youth International playing for Larne and Crusaders. Made quick impact in N.Z. with Mt. Maunganui and made N.Z. international debut in 1986. Employed as a Sales Manager with Balfour Roofing, he transferred to Auckland and joined Papatoetoe in 1987. Signed with Mt. Wellington in 1988 and reaffirmed his place as a high quality National League striker.

Ceri Evans

(Oxford, U.K.) Defender. Born New Zealand, aged 25. Previous clubs: Wellington Diamond United, Dunedin City and Christchurch United. Former Youth International. Has represented New Zealand since 1984. N.Z. Player of the Year 1987. A Rhodes Scholar at present at Oxford University.

Danny Halligan

(Christchurch United) Midfielder. Born N.Z., aged 22 years. Former Regional Junior and Youth Rep with Canterbury and developed late to take up National League football with the 1987 and 1988 League champions, Christchurch United in 1987. Quickly established himself as a young player with great potential and made his international debut v Australia in 1987.

Tommy Mason

(Farnborough, England) Defender. Born England, aged 28 years. Became N.Z. resident in early 1980's. Played in English League for Fulham and Brighton & Hove Albion and English non-League with Leatherhead. Played in U.S.A. for Seattle Sounders before coming to N.Z. to Tauranga City in the Northern League. Had three seasons with Papatoetoe in the National League and played for North Shore United in 1988 before travelling to England early in 1989.

Rodger Gray

(Mt. Wellington) Defender. Born N.Z., aged 22 years. Started football with Waitemata City as a Junior and stayed with the club until moving into Regional League with West Auckland in 1988. An Auckland Youth Representative he was selected for the Senior Auckland Rep team in 1988 and the young police officer made the transition to his full international debut against China Taipei late in that same year. Will play National League football for the first time with his new club, Mt. Wellington this season.

Michael McGarry

(Sydney Olympic) Midfielder/Striker. Born N.Z., aged 23 years. Former Otago Provincial Representative at all levels and Otago Player of the Year in 1986. First Dunedin City (or Otago) player to be selected for N.Z. for many years when making his debut v Fiji in 1986. Played National League for Dunedin City during 1984–87 butt opted for Regional football with Mosgiel last season. Chased by many N.Z. and Australian clubs at close of 1988 but finally joined Sydney Olympic.

Chris Riley

(Miramar) Midfielder. Born England, aged 23 years. N.Z. resident since 1985. Played junior football in the Midlands before signing as apprentice with Sheffield Wednesday for two years under Jack Charlton. Leaving England he played a season in South Africa and indoor football in the U.S. before joining the N.Z. National League with Christchurch United in 1986. Played at Mt. Wellington in 1987 and North Shore United in 1988. Will play for Miramar in the National League this season.

Tony Ferris

(Mt. Maunganui) Midfielder/Defender. Born Ireland, aged 27 years. Became N.Z. resident 1985. Former Irish Youth International with seven years' experience in Irish Premier League with Distillery. An important player of three years' standing with Mt. Maunganui, his club earning promotion to the National League in 1987. Made N.Z. debut v Saudi Arabia in Melbourne during 1988.

Billy Wright

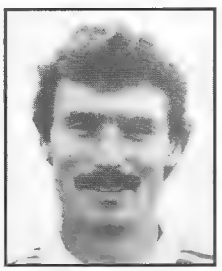
Striker. Born England, aged 26 years. N.Z. resident since 1986. Former U.K. professional with Burnley in 1981–83. Played one season with Kerevnos in Nicosia, Cyprus. Returning to the U.K. he played first for Bedlington in the Northern League and then Dundalk in Eire before returning to Bedlington. Coming to N.Z. in April 1986 to play for Waikato, Wright established himself as a talented and tenacious striker joining Mt. Wellington in the National League for 1987 and 1988.

Frank van Hattum

(Manurewa) Goalkeeper. Born N.Z., aged 30 years. Made his international breakthrough during the 1982 World Cup campaign and selected first choice goalkeeper v Brazil, Russia and Scotland in World Cup Finals in Spain. Former Regional Rep for Waikato, Franklin, Auckland, Canterbury and Taranaki Provinces. N.Z. international 1980–88. Has National League experience with Papatoetoe and Mt. Maunganui. Returns to Auckland for Manurewa this season.

Dave Witteveen

(Mt. Wellington) Midfielder/Striker. Born N.Z., aged 25 years. Former Auckland Youth Representative making senior Auckland debut in 1985. Full international debut v Russia in 1986. Played five years of senior club football with Ellerslie before returning to Mt. Wellington where he has been a junior player, and his first games in the National League. The 1989 season will mark his fifth year with Mt. Wellington.



Peter Kuiper

(Mt. Wellington) Goalkeeper. Born N.Z., aged 23 years. Young goalkeeper of great potential, his career has blossomed after only one season of National League football with Mt. Wellington. Learned his duties with Auckland Regional League clubs, Takapuna and Mt. Roskill following junior football in Wellington. Made senior Auckland Rep squad as first choice 'keeper early last year before being selected for the full international squad late in 1988.

THE REFEREE — FIFA'S VIEWPOINT

DURING important World Cup qualifying games with the ultimate in football at stake, great pressure is brought to bear on the referee as well as the players and coaches.

The referee is the person who, in a split second, has to decide on off-side or not off-side, foul or no foul, goal or no goal. Very often the decisions are crucial for the team involved because losing points in the World Cup struggle can have consequences lasting several years.

Football has had to learn to live with referees' mistakes, even if some find it just as difficult to forgive a referee as to forgive a striker who misses an empty goal or a defender who bungles an easy ball. Opinions on a referee's performance have enlivened many a football debate. But the perfect referee is wishful thinking, just as the perfect player or coach is. The referee is used to playing the part of scapegoat and if he cannot accept this, he is no referee.

From FIFA's point of view, the referee has one of the most important functions for setting the tone in football. This is why FIFA devotes so much attention to his further training and instruction. The referees, carefully selected before each game, are briefed and supplied with written information on the main points in the interpretation of the Laws. They are repeatedly reminded of the referee's prime responsibility, that is, to protect the footballer from unfair attacks and injury. Football can only fulfil its aim if the sporting player is protected. In the midst of all the appeals for fair play to players, coaches and officials, in the final analysis it is the referee, and he alone, who decides.

Regrettably, referees are sometimes still too inconsistent in the execution of this duty. It happens all too frequently that the referee is overly lenient when dealing with brutal physical assault against an opponent. He is perfectly justified in punishing rigorously any defiance of his personal authority (protests, violence, slinging the ball away). But if acts of physical aggression against the opponent are not penalised with the same severity, the referee is applying the wrong criteria. While on the subject, think back to the incident in the match between Uruguay and Scotland at the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico when the referee, Joël Quiniou (France), showed no hesitation in sending off a South American player immediately after his first brutal assault. In the ensuing discussions on the incident, FIFA officials demonstratively expressed full support of Quiniou for having carried out his mandate correctly.

The referee is the very figure in our sport who deserves the most protection and objectivity. Only a strong personality can be a good referee and only a person who is supported and respected from all sides, and not just the official one, can show strength.

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS AUSTRALIA V NEW ZEALAND

— 1922–1988

Year	Australia	New Zealand	Venue
1922	1	3	Dunedin
	1	1	Wellington
	1	3	Auckland
1923	2	1	Brisbane
	2	3	Sydney
	1	4	Newcastle
1933	4	2	Brisbane
	6	4	Sydney
	4	2	Sydney
1936	7	1	Dunedin
	10	0	Wellington
	4	1	Auckland
1948	6	0	Wellington
	7	0	Christchurch
	4	0	Wellington
1954	1	2	Melbourne
	4	1	Brisbane
	4	1	Sydney
1958	3	2	Wellington
	2	2	Auckland
1967	5	3	Saigon
	3	1	Noumea
1972	3	1	Jakarta
1973	1	1	Auckland
	3	3	Sydney
1976	1	0	Auckland
	3	1	Melbourne
1977	3	1	Sydney
	1	1	Auckland
1979	0	1	Auckland
1981	3	3	Auckland
	0	2	Sydney
1983	1	2	Auckland
	0	2	Melbourne
1985	0	0	Auckland
	2	0	Sydney
1986	1	1	Auckland
	2	1	Sydney
1987	1	1	Melbourne
	1	2	Wellington
1988	2	1	Bendigo
	2	0	Auckland
	3	1	Melbourne
	1	1	Wellington
	124	64	

Summary

Australia and New Zealand have met on 45 occasions. Australia have 25 victories to New Zealand's 10 with 10 drawn clashes.

Series Victories

On the fourteen occasions "Series" have deemed to have been contested, Australia leads with nine series wins to New Zealand's four and one drawn.

General

Between 1977 and 1985 New Zealand was undefeated by Australia in seven consecutive matches.

Between 1933 to 1954 Australia was undefeated by New Zealand in ten matches on the trot. Then from 1954 (second match of series) to 1979 the record was extended to thirteen consecutive victories.

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